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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

09/414,483

Applicant(s)

KARALIC, MEHO

Examiner

Yvonne M. Horton

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24,29-34,36-39 and 41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 29-34,36-39 and 41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent #451,596 to LONGENECKER. LONGENECKER discloses the use of a combination building structure (as shown in Figures 1 and 2) including a vertical length of lumber (A,C), a horizontal length of lumber (B), a metal corner connector (as shown in Figure 4) including an intermediate portion (K), at least one lateral flange (LF), see the marked attachment, and an upwardly vertical flange (L) that extends between the vertical lengths (as at portion colored red in the marked attachment); wherein, the vertical (A,C) and horizontal (B) lengths abut in face-to-face contact with the intermediate portion (K), the vertical flange (L) and the lateral flanges (LF). In reference to claim 25, the intermediate portion (K) is box-shaped. Regarding claim 26, the lateral flange (LF), although on is shown in the figures, extend horizontally on opposing sides of the intermediate portion (K).

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 29-34,36-39 and 41 are allowed.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne M. Horton whose telephone number is (703) 308-1909. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 3:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl D. Friedman can be reached on (703) 308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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August 9, 2004



(No Model.)

T. F. LONGENECKER.

WINDOW SASH.

No. 451,596.

Patented May 5, 1891.

Fig. 1.

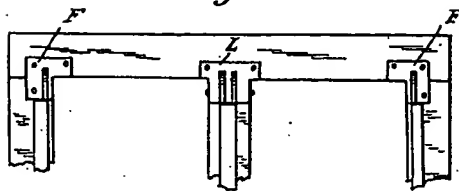


Fig. 2.

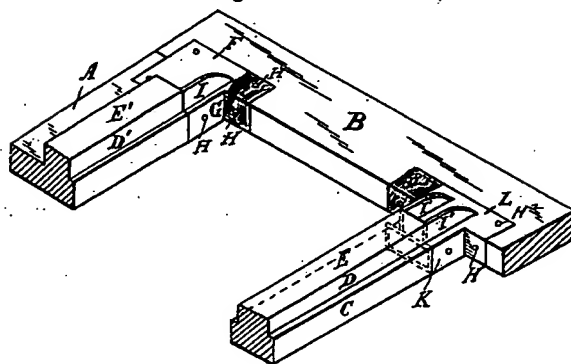


Fig. 3.

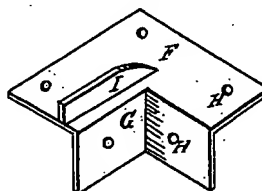
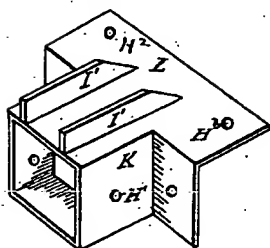


Fig. 4.



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